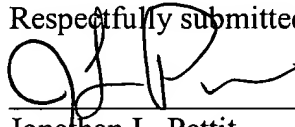


REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of all claims 1-55.

The Examiner has required a statement under 37 CFR 1.178 regarding the surrender of the original patent. Accompanying this Response, Applicant submits a Statement under 37 CFR 1.178 that the original patent for this Application for Reissue, U.S. Patent No. 5,915,841, is either lost or inaccessible.

The Examiner has requested a Consent of Assignee for the reissue application. Accompanying this Response, the assignee of U.S. Patent No. 5,915,841, submits a Consent of Assignee and a Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) for the reissue application.

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